

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present submission is responsive to the Office Action of April 5, 2006, in which claims 1-14 are presently pending. Each of claims 1-14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, as more specifically set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. With regard to the art of record, claims 1, 3, 6-11, 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,598,144 to Bailey, et al. In addition, claims 2 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bailey. However, claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

With regard to the outstanding §112, second paragraph rejections, claims 1 and 14 are amended so as to delete the term “z/Architecture.” Accordingly, the §112, second paragraph rejections have now been rendered moot, and it is respectfully requested that the same be withdrawn.


Claim 1 has been amended as set forth above to incorporate the subject matter of (allowable) cancelled claim 4 therein. It should be noted that the numerical instruction identifier “fourth” as used in claim 4 is now referred to as a “second” instruction in claim so as to avoid any confusion and indefiniteness with regard to the other instructions recited in claims 2 and 3. To this end, claim 2 is amended to change “second instruction” to “third instruction,” and claim 3 is likewise amended to change “third instruction” to “fourth instruction.”

In addition, allowable claim 5 is rewritten in independent form. Finally, claim 13 is cancelled, while claim 14 is amended to also incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2 therein. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that each of the outstanding claim rejections have been overcome, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the same.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,
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